

NH MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

NH Fire Academy
Concord, NH

MINUTES OF MEETING May 15, 2014

Members present: Tom D'Aprix, MD– Chair; Mathurin Malby, MD; James Suozzi, MD; David Hirsch, MD; Frank Hubbell, DO; Patrick Lanzetta, MD; Douglas McVicar, MD; Thomas Trimarco, MD .

Members absent: Jim Martin, MD; Joseph Leahy, DO; Kenneth Call, MD; Ray Kelley, DO; Jonathan Vacik, MD.

Guests: Steve Erickson; Mary Ellen Gourdeau, Aaron McIntire; Michael Pepin; Stacy Meier; Sue Prentiss; Eric Jaeger; Jason Grey; Fred Heinrich; Janet Houston; Jeanne Erickson; Jason Preston; Scott Schuler; Michael Flynn; Bruce Goldthwaite; John Seidner; Ken Berkenbush; Steve Turner; Jake MacGlashing; Chuck Hemen; Mark Hastings; Sean Ellberg; Jeffrey Stewart; Pam Drewniak; Jon Bouffard; Richard Riley; Robert Johnson; Todd Robinson; Grant Turpin; Jameson Ayotte.

Bureau Staff: Director Pendergast; Bureau Chief Mercuri; Vicki Blanchard; Richard Cloutier; Chip Cooper; Shawn Jackson; Kathy Doolan.

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chair D'Aprix stated that this will be his last meeting. . Chair D'Aprix said Jim Martin has resigned the MCB. Introductions were made.

Approval of the March 20, 2014 Minutes – Minutes were approved unanimously.

Bureau/Division Updates – Chief Mercuri

Happy EMS Week, which is next week!

Bureau Chief Mercuri was present and had some updates. He said applications for the Deputy Bureau Chief have closed and they are waiting for H/R to get those applications to them so they can proceed. They will be putting together an interview board soon. Two other positions are open: Program Assistant I (primarily to assist with investigations) and part-time Program Coordinator (for TEMSIS).

There was a Mobile Integrated Healthcare meeting on April 29th. The meeting was well represented and productive. They will be putting together some information for DHHS and begin moving everything forward.

Narcan has gone live.....thank you to Vicki and the e-learning group! The training is on NHOODLE.

EMS in the warm zone. They will be putting a group together and also be putting together some documents.

There have been conversations with supervisors about strategic planning. The last time anything was done was 2009. There will be updating.

Any other updates will be included in the EMS Bulletin, which will go out over the list-serve soon.

Coordinating Board Update – Hubbell:

Dr. Hubbell said there were updates from Shawn Jackson and on Best Practices. There was a discussion about large events and how they should be handled so that hospitals and EMS systems do not become over burdened.

Trauma Medical Review Committee – Call:

Dr. Call was not present. Vicki Blanchard had a brief update. She said Concord is having a site visit for their NH Level 2 at the end of the month.

Naloxone for EMT Use:

The program went live yesterday. It was for EMRs; First Responders; EMTs and EMT-Basics. It is an on-line program, about 20 minutes long. At the end there is a skills proficiency/competency lab for ALS providers to have their people complete. There is also a skill sheet provided. This is to walk them through using a syringe and how to administer. The e-learning group did a great job of putting things together.

Protocols

Syncope: New protocol

TBI: Backboard bullet to elevate head, but remain inline

Airway: Faze out Combitube by 2017

CPAP: MCB will take the next couple months to look at moving to EMT level, and discuss further at their July meeting.

KING, LMA, Intubation, Suctioning, Trach/Suction: no major changes, some new PEARLS

12 Lead: More PEARLS

Capnography: More PEARLS/educational bullets

Vascular Access via Central Catheters: Updated hygiene information and new charts

RSI: Made ketamine and etomidate an either/or option, before ketamine was only if you did not have etomidate due to shortages; upped the max dose of succ to 200mg.

Cricothyrotomy: To protocol committee, Dr. Trimarco has an intern doing research on needle vs surgical.

Cricothyrotomy

Jim Suozzi said this is in the National Scope of Practice model and there has been discussion about putting some form of it back in our protocols. Should we bring it back? If we do, should we specify it is a low frequency, high risk event. He said that because of the infrequency there is not much performance data to go by. Eric Jaeger said there is much support with paramedics for bringing this procedure back. There was a discussion as to whether the procedure should be brought back or not. F. Hubbell said the decision should be based on data, rather than emotion.

Motion was made; seconded and passed to bring cricothyrotomy back to the protocols at some point.

Critical Care Update

Sue Prentiss said they had the Interfacility Transfer Summit last Thursday. The critical care project was included in the discussion. They came up with 4 sub-groups: Measurement & Advocacy; one for critical care; PIFT; and movement of patients. They will set up a work program. There were a lot of hospital folks there as well. A good mix of EMS and hospital people. Tom Judge from Maine came to facilitate.

Paramedic Administering Medication and Driving

Vicki Blanchard said this question was brought before the protocol committee. Should the paramedic administer medication and drive or should they stay with the patient? Where do you draw the line? There was some discussion.

There was a motion; seconded and passed that if medication is administered at a provider level, or higher, that provider stay with the patient.

National Registry – National Continued Competency Program (NCCP)

Shawn Jackson gave a short intro for the people from the National Registry and also passed around a hand out. Trey Rodriguez, who is the Executive Director of the National Registry, spoke and had a presentation for their new refresher model, the NCCP (National Continued Competency Program). One of the bonuses with this program is that it will allow providers to see the “weak” areas when people take their refreshers. Bureau Chief Mercuri also noted that this program provides a significant amount of flexibility. There was some discussion as to whether this program will become mandatory or will be a choice. Mr. Rodriguez and BC Mercuri both said they do not have any answers for that at this time.

Election MCB Chair

Chair D’Aprix said only one person expressed interest in taking over as Chair of the MCB: Jim Suozzi. A motion was made; seconded and passed to make Dr. Suozzi Chairman. Congratulations Jim!!

Dr. Suozzi thanked everyone and stated that it is his intent to still be involved with the protocol committee at least until the protocols are released.

Everyone thanked Chair D'Aprix for his years of service to the MCB.

Other Topics

Eric Jaeger had updates on the Bariatric Project. He said some of the equipment is expected to begin arriving next week. There is an August 1st timeline. There will be ten caches of specialized equipment around the state. There is a bariatric protocol in the works. The issue of training also needs to be addressed.

Adjournment: Noon

Next Meeting: July 17, 2014 – Fire Academy – Concord NH

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Suozzi, MD, Chairman

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